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Subject: RE: DRAFT slides w/ update photos for MAC Group tomorrow
Attachments: LaSalle MACG Meeting 01262023.pptx

Good deal here are the slides w/ the new photos embedded w/ captions. See below markup in red as well for your consideration.

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Thanks Paul.

FYI – here are the draft notes I have for tomorrow.

MAC Meeting Updates 1/26/23

Good morning MAC Meeting Team. Thank you all for joining and your time. This last week we continued our efforts of cleanup, demolition, and structural assessments putting the utmost priority on health, safety, and environment. Onsite, we went through a transition away from 'emergency mode' and into 'cleanup, recovery, and rebuild' phase. Despite challenges with weather this last week, we have made significant progress.

- **On-site monitoring activity / results (air, water)**

Will have a few more details here tomorrow regarding current results

- Air monitoring continues by Carus contractors at our fenceline, (SEE PHOTO) direct on response workers, and zone monitoring inside our plant building during demolition activities. All results received have consistently shown to be within acceptable limits, and procedures are in place to react to any excursions. -BE READY TO BE ASKED ABOUT A DATA SUMMARY OR DIAGRAM W/ MONITOR LOCATIONS
- Air monitoring will continue through the duration of the clean-up activities.

- **On-site cleanup status:**

- As you can see by the photo, clean-up has significantly progressed; following the fire, the affected area was bermed and all potential runoff water from the affected area continues to be captured and contained for proper disposal. We reinforced the berm with aquablock to prevent seepage and have placed protective barriers around the area.
- We are removing all affected metal and debris from the fire site to a containment area for prep for scrap recycling. Metals are being washed and tested for oxidizing potential and pH prior to shipment offsite for recycle.
 - A written sampling plan was developed and is being followed for demolition debris.
- We have collected representative samples for characterization, profiling and proper disposal for all waste streams generated from the fire and have the help of talented consultants to ensure we are managing everything correctly. These streams represent affected media directly related to the initial fire incident – soils, product sludge resulting from fire water, fire related debris, and liquid runoff from bermed fire area. Profiles are being reviewed by receiving facilities and we are awaiting final approval for shipment.

US EPA and Illinois EPA personnel (Paul, Rob, Eric, Ahmed) were conducted on site visits last Friday 1/20 and this Tuesday 1/24 to observe activities and controls and provide us input.

- **Off-site assessment / cleanup status** (i.e., # hotline operators, response teams, calls, consults, homes assessed, homes cleaned)
 - Carus has received ~280 calls to the community hotline and is tracking inquiries. We have 2 employees answering calls. Some of these employees have also been “boots on the ground” at the two community car washes and out surveying property damage.
 - So far, Carus has provided 42 car washes, as well as 29 car details.
 - House cleaning (power washing) began on January 16th and Carus’ vendor has cleaned 34 houses through January 20th. The house cleaning had to be put on hold due to a drop in temperatures starting on 1/21/2023.
 - Carus has partnered with our insurance agency, Davies Group, to develop a claims submission process for individuals who have property that was impacted by the fire on January 11th. Davies Group has assimilated a dedicated claims team to review and process these claims. This process began being communicated to the impacted individuals at approximately 1pm on 1/25/2023. The claim form is posted on the Carus website with instructions and an overview of how to submit a claim.
- **Contact water management**
 - All contact water/liquid continues to be contained onsite in the emergency containment pond (*I will show this on the site diagram when you say this*) and is controlled via a locked gate valve. NOTE I PUT A PHOTO OF THE ACUAL VALVE IN THE PHOTO
 - Carus continues aeration and CO2 injection on the emergency containment pond and are working with chemists and external water consultants for proper handling of the contaminated liquid. A formal plan will be submitted to ILEPA shortly. We still have not observed any wildlife at or near the pond and temporary hazing measures are in place in the event we do.
 - Additionally, we have sampled the areas of potential soil impact noted near our emergency containment pond and are awaiting results to determine appropriate next steps in those isolated areas. (SEE PHOTOS IN THE 2 SLIDES)
- **Press/communications**
 - Media coverage has slowed down a bit. There are a few media outlets and trade publications talking about supply chain concerns. Local media is covering community issues like the LaSalle City Council meeting, and local citizens' concerns about safety, cleanup, long term impact, etc. (I PUT IN TWO LINKS)
 - The pace of our press releases will slow a bit, but we will continue to use the Carus website for updates as information becomes available. These will also be syndicated to social media when appropriate.



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Got it all will paste in. Thanks Joe

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Thank you all. Paul – see below for images to add.

Slide 7 – Situation Update (DJI_0433.jpg) – Drone capture 1/24/23

Slide 8 – Right image for showing waste box staging (DJI_0438.jpg) – drone capture 1/24/23

Slide 9 – Water Control (DJI_0436.jpg) – drone capture 1/24/23



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Here is the latest version w/ Rob's swapped out photo and I added captions. Awaiting input from Joe & Cory. I also highlighted the changes on the contact list. Note Brian Smith removed.

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Hey Paul,

Could you use the attached picture for the left photograph on page 8. I believe it shows the containment around the building debris area more accurately. My photos mirror what you took although most are far worse than yours....

Thanks,

Rob



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Joe Rob Cory – Take a look and send me any photos for updates so I can past them in or let me know if you don't need an image to support the update. Joe – you'll be one speaking to all this so take a close look. Sorry about the pdf that site plan image is inflating the .ppt file > 22mB.

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